


Please amend the claims 1-24 as set out in the following listing of claims 1-24 of the application:

1. (currently amended) A glazing element ~~(12)~~ for an opening defined by opaque boundaries ~~(13)~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it has or incorporates means ~~(25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35)~~ for diverting light passing through an edge region ~~(E)~~ of the element, ~~(12)~~ whereby ~~to enlarge~~ the field of view through the opening is enlarged.
2. (currently amended) A glazing element according to Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the means ~~(25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35)~~ for diverting light passing through the edge region of the element is a refractor (25).
3. (currently amended) A glazing element according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the means ~~(25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35)~~ for diverting light passing through an edge region ~~(E)~~ of the element ~~(12)~~ is integrally formed with the said element ~~(12)~~.
4. (currently amended) A glazing element ~~(12)~~ according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the means ~~(25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35)~~ for diverting light passing through an edge region ~~(E)~~ of the element ~~(12)~~ is formed separately from the said element ~~(12)~~ and fixed, attached or otherwise held in physical juxtaposition with respect thereto. 
5. (currently amended) A glazing element ~~(12)~~ according to ~~any preceding~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it is adapted to fit into the said opening and having a central region ~~(M)~~ through which light can pass substantially undeviated and an edge region ~~(E)~~ which refracts light through an angle as it passes therethrough, the angle being greater closer to the edge of ~~18~~ the element ~~(12)~~.

6. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to Claim 5, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it comprises at least two layers (33,34) of optically transparent material joined face-to-face over substantially the whole area thereof, an edge region (33e, 34e) of each of the said two layers (33, 34) being formed such that the two layers (33, 34) diverge from one another towards the periphery of the said element (12) whereby to form a negative cylindrical lens over the said edge region (E).
7. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to ~~any preceding~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the means (25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35) for diverting light is so formed that there is no substantial surface discontinuity between the region (M) of the element (12) over which no light diversion takes place and the region (E) of the element (12) at which light is diverted.
8. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to Claim 6, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that a wedge shape insert is located between the said two layers (33, 34) at an edge region (33e, 34e) thereof.
9. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to ~~any preceding~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that ~~in which~~ a Fresnel refractor (25) is attached, secured or held in a relative positional relationship with respect to an edge region (E) thereof.
10. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to ~~any preceding~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the said means (25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35) for diverting light passing through an edge region (E) of the element (12) is located at two opposite edge regions of the element (12).
11. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to ~~any preceding~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the said means (25, 26, 27; 33e, 34e, 35) for diverting light passing through an edge region (E) of the element (12) comprises a negative cylindrical lens.

12. (currently amended) A glazing element (12) according to ~~any preceding~~ Claim 1 formed as a motor vehicle windscreen.
13. (currently amended) An optical element (25) ~~characterised in that it is~~ adapted for fitting to or locating in association with a motor vehicle windscreen, to form a glazing element ~~,- according to any preceding claim~~ for an opening defined by opaque boundaries, characterized in that it has or incorporates means for diverting light passing through an edge region of the element whereby the field of view through the opening is enlarged.
14. (currently amended) An optical element (25) for extending the field of view through an edge region (E) of an opening defined by opaque boundaries (13), comprising a refractor (25) adapted to fit against a glazing element (12) of the opening in the said edge region (E) thereof and to divert light passing therethrough towards the observer through an angle such as to bring its apparent direction towards a central region (M) of the glazing element (12).
15. (currently amended) An optical element according to Claim 14, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it is in the form of a negative acylindrical lens.
16. (currently amended) An optical element according to Claim 14 ~~or Claim 15,~~ ~~characterised~~ characterized in that it is in the form of a Fresnel lens.
17. (currently amended) An optical element (36) according to Claim 16, characterised in that the Fresnel lens has a plane face (37) and a faceted face (38) and the angle of inclination ( $\alpha$ ) of the facets (39) with respect to the plane face (37) varies with the square of the distance (36) from one edge (41) of the element (36).
18. (currently amended) An optical element (36) according to Claim 17, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the angle of inclination ( $\alpha$ ) of the facets (39) varies according to the relation:

$$\alpha = kx^2$$

where: k is a constant and x is the distance from the narrow end (41) of the element.

19. (currently amended) An optical element (36) according to Claim 18, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the constant k is 0.003.
20. (currently amended) An optical element (36) according to ~~any of Claims 16 to 19~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the pitch of the Fresnel lens facets across the width of the element is in the region of 0.5mm ~~preferably 0.508mm~~.
21. (currently amended) An optical element (36) according to ~~any of Claims 16 to 20~~, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the riser draft angle varies by 0.1° per mm across the width of the element.
22. (currently amended) An optical element according to Claim 21, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the riser draft angle is in the region of 10° at the narrow end (41) of the element (36).
23. (currently amended) A motor vehicle windscreen ~~characterised by~~ having an optical element (25) ~~according to any of Claims 14 to 16~~ affixed or otherwise held or secured in position thereon, the optical element extending the field of view through the windscreen and comprising a refractor adapted to fit against the windscreen in an edge region thereof and to divert light passing therethrough towards the observer through an angle such as to bring its apparent direction towards a central region of the windscreen.
24. (currently amended) A motor vehicle windscreen according to Claim 23, ~~characterised~~ characterized in that the optical element (25) is a generally cylindrical negative lens oriented such that its direction of greatest (negative) magnification is generally horizontal.